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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, IN, EAGR

SUBJECT: GOI PESTICIDE REQUIREMENTS

1. AT THE SECRETARY'S REQUEST WE DRAFTED UP A CABLE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES TO SEND TO YOU. IT WAS ON HIS DESK RUESDAY EVENING BUT IN THE RUSH OF THE DEPARTURE WE ARE NOT CERTAIN A MESSAGE WAS SENT IN THE SECTO SERIES, SO WE ARE REPEATING IT AGAIN IN OUR SERIES TO ASSUME YOU RECEIVE IT. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE RAM RAISED THE ISSUE AGAIN THIS MORNING WHEN I ACCOMPANIED SENATOR PEARSON TO CALL ON HIM.

2. TEXT OF MESSAGE. QUOTE: IN MEETING WITH SECRETARY OCTOBER 29, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE JAGJIVAN RAM REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN HELPING MEET PESTICIDE REQUIREMENTS. GOI APPARENTLY IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY EFFECTING SUFFICIENT IMPORTS OF TECHNICAL MATERIAL FOR REFORMULATION INTO PESTICIDE COMPOUNDS. BIGGEST NEED IS FOR CARBORYL (TRADE NAME SEVIN), MANUFACTURES IN U.S. BY UNION CARBIDE WHICH HAS SUBSIDIARY IN INDIA. GOI HAS BEEN ABLE TO IMPORT ONLY 4,000 TONS OF CARBORYL FOR REFORMULATION IN MOST RECENT 12 MONTH, BUT WILL NEED 6,000 TONS FOR THE 1975-76 CROP YEAR BEGINNING
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NEXT JULY.

OTHER PESTICIDES IN SHORT SUPPLY WITH ANNUAL METRIC
TONS REQUIREMENTS IN PARENTHESIS ARE ENDOSULFAN (1000),
TOXAPHENE (800), PHORATE (200), PHORATE (200), AND
MALATHION (2300).

UNION CARBIDE OFFICE HERE TELLS US THAT IT HAS PROMISED
TO SUPPLY 4,000 TONS AND HAS ASKED UNION CARBIDE,
NEW YORK, FOR AN ADDITIONAL 1,000 TONS (UNION CARBIDE
SAYS THAT GOI ONLY SOUGHT 5,000 TONS).

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CALL UNION CARBIDE IMMEDIATELY
REGARDING PROSPECT OF UNION CARBIDE SUPPLYING
ADDITIONAL 1,000 - 2,000 TONS. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE
APPRAISAL OF SUPPLY SITUATION FOR OTHER LISTED
PESTICIDES AS WELL AS NAMES OF POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS.
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